



Department of Energy

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Mr. Pietro Montalbano
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Dear Mr. Montalbano:

As we have every year since 2003, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is offering you free testing of the drinking water from your private well.

This test is offered out of an abundance of caution to the five properties south of Brookhaven National Laboratory that were not hooked up to the Suffolk County Water Authority system when DOE offered it for free between 1996 and 1998. If you accept this offer of a free drinking water test, it will be conducted by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and paid for by the DOE.

The free hookup to public water was a protective, precautionary measure and we continue to offer this drinking water test for the same reason. DOE and Suffolk County strongly recommend that you take us up on this offer of a free test in order to assess the quality of your drinking water.

This year there is an additional and important reason to encourage you to have your water tested. Your well will be analyzed for the emerging contaminants 1,4 dioxane and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which have been recently detected in groundwater on BNL property. By accepting DOE's offer of a free drinking water test, your water will be tested for these newly identified chemicals, as well. Information sheets about these chemicals are attached for your information.

To encourage your participation in this testing program, we will be contacting you by phone and/or in person to offer any assistance we can, and we provide the following list of attached information to simplify and speed-up your application:

- APPLICATION FOR WATER TEST BY SUFFOLK COUNTY

The water test application and instructions are enclosed, as is a *copy of this letter*. We ask that you include the *copy of this letter* with your water test application so Suffolk County will know your water test is paid by the DOE.

After you fill out the application, place the application and the *copy of this letter* into the enclosed envelope that is stamped and addressed. Drop the envelope in the mail. Suffolk County will contact you to make an appointment to test your drinking water.

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- "SUFFOLK COUNTY PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM"

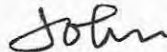
This question-and-answer sheet addresses most questions about the test and the application process and provides Suffolk County contact information.

- INFORMATION ABOUT 1,4-DIOXANE AND PFAS

Information sheets are enclosed from Suffolk County and the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

As always, contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of this letter or process. I will be happy to assist you. My telephone number is (631) 344-5195. My e-mail address is john.f.carter@science.doe.gov.

Sincerely,



John Carter, Director
Communications

Attachments: 1. Application for Water Test By Suffolk County
 2. Suffolk County Private Well Water Testing Program
 3. Information About 1,4-Dioxane and PFAS

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